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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is supplemental to the Amendment and Response filed September 10, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on November 8, 2004, setting the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to January 8, 2004. An Appeal Brief has not yet been filed. This paper is accompanied by a Request for a three month extension of time, setting the deadline to April 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendments and remarks place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicant requests entry of this paper into the file pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.